

PUBLIC NOTICE

Announcing an Air Emissions Test at U.S. Filter Westates in Parker, Arizona March 27 - 31, 2006

Westates plans to conduct an Air Emissions Test to estimate the types and amount of contaminants their facility releases to the air. The test will also estimate contaminants in Westates' waste water discharges to the Joint Venture waste water treatment plant. Westates is a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility located on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. Westates is currently operating and is seeking a permit to continue operations on a permanent basis. Westates is required to conduct the Air Emissions Test as part of the permit process. Emissions from Westates contain contaminants such as metals, dioxins, nitrogen oxides, and particulates.

The expected dates of emissions testing are March 27 - 31
but this could be extended for extra days if necessary.

The Air Emissions Test will be conducted by Westates with on-site oversight by EPA. The approved Air Emissions Test Plan may be found at the following locations:

Colorado River Indian Tribes Museum
and Library
CRIT Administrative Complex
2nd Avenue & Mohave Road
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-1285

Parker Public Library
1001 South Navajo Avenue
Parker, AZ 85344
(928) 669-2622

These libraries also have additional information and fact sheets about Westates. For more information, please contact Mary Blevins at the address or phone number below.

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The Air Emissions Test is an important step in Westates' permit application process. EPA approved the test plan in March 2005, after first making the plan available to the public for comment in January 2004. EPA also held a public hearing in February 2004 to receive public comments on the proposed plan. After Westates completes the Air Emissions Test, they will submit the results to EPA. Westates will then use the results of the test in a Risk Assessment, to estimate potential health risk from these contaminants. EPA will use the results of the Air Emissions Test and Risk Assessment, as well as Westates' permit application, to make its proposed permit decision. You will have an opportunity to comment on the results of the Air Emission Test, the Risk Assessment, and the permit application before EPA makes the proposed permit decision. If you would like more information, please contact Mary Blevins.

***U.S. Filter Westates has recently changed its name to U.S. Filter Ionpure.
Future public notices by EPA will use the new name.***